



## Kenneth Knudson, 84

July 2, 1928 - Nov. 13, 2012

**IRWIN** — Kenneth LeRoy Knudson was born on July 2, 1928 to Kalmer and Kirsten (Ellingsen) Knudson on a farm near Manilla in Shelby County. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin where he remained a lifelong member. He attended Greely Township country school and graduated from Irwin High School. He was inducted into the United States Army on February 19, 1951 and served until January 29, 1953 when he received an honorable discharge and returned home.

November 26, 1960, Kenneth was united in marriage to Charleen Barten at St. Paul's. Two children were born to this union; Deb and Randy. He owned Irwin Produce and ran the Purina feed store before going to work at Robinson Implement. He worked with his brother at Knudson Service Station in Irwin which is still being run by his nephew. Kenneth retired in May of 2000. He and Charleen moved to Onawa to be closer to their daughter's family. It was there that he died on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, having attained the age of eighty-four years, four months, and eleven days.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters Irma Groat and Ruth Drake. He is survived by his wife of fifty-two years Charleen Knudson of Onawa; daughter Deb and her husband Myron Kellen of Onawa; son Randy Knudson of Council Bluffs; grandchildren Ashley and Danielle Kellen, both of Sioux City; brother Gailord Knudson of Harlan; sister Edna Drake of Council Bluffs; other family members and friends.

Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiated the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. Gary Groat was an honorary casket bearer. Serving as casket bearers were Jack Knudson, Dale Von Tersch, Denny Drake, Doug Smith, Bill Bonitz, and Dan Mark. Military Rites were performed by the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and the Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin.



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